

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

A brake device is provided with an actuator which is operated by a pressure medium, used to apply and release a vehicle brake, especially a brake of a rail vehicle, includes an actuating piston which defines two pressure chambers. One pressure chamber impinges upon the vehicle brake in an applied position and the other pressure chamber impinges upon the vehicle brake in a release position. The two pressure chambers are connected to each other by a line with an overflow valve which opens at least during part of the transition phases - between the release position and open position - and which is otherwise closed.